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Since January, Senate Republicans have been working hard to find ways to do what our constituents elected us to do – create jobs, improve the economy and balance the state budget.

We've seen countless distractions, ranging from a divisive Supreme Court election, to protests, boycotts and recalls, to political games on the floor of the Senate by the Democrats.

But the people of Wisconsin chose Republicans to lead Wisconsin so the state would finally partner with the private sector to achieve growth in the real world, not just the government.

The Senate Republicans' top priorities this session:

- Create Jobs
- Improve the economy
- Balance the Budget by cutting spending and eliminating waste, fraud and abuse

We're already keeping our promises. We've passed some key pieces of legislation and made some tough decisions in order to create jobs and get people back to work. But our work is by no means complete – we will keep working every day to position Wisconsin as a leader in the nation for economic growth and prosperity.



SUMMARY

1. Reorganized the Department of Commerce to make it more efficient, effective, and responsive to today's changing global economy (SSSB6)
2. Eliminated a job-killing sick leave mandate in Milwaukee, a top priority for Milwaukee's business community (SB-23)
3. Enacted a \$67 million tax credit for small businesses in which will encourage them to expand their workforce (SSSB7)
4. Eliminated the red-tape for major job-creating retail projects in Green Bay & Brookfield (SSSB10 & SB21)
5. Reformed the state's litigation/tort climate to make it harder to frivolously sue businesses (SSSB1)
6. Reformed the state's regulatory process to bring common sense back to the process and put a higher priority on jobs.
7. Made the use of Health Savings Accounts more affordable for businesses by creating a tax exemption associated with their use (SSSB2)
8. Created a tax credit for companies that relocate to the state (SSSB3)
9. Increased the availability of economic development tax credits (SSSB4)
10. Authorized four additional enterprise zones that will be used to create jobs in rural areas (SB4)
11. Repealed costly auto insurance mandates that drove premiums up for families & businesses with vehicle fleets (SB7)
12. Extended the dairy tax credit, a popular cost-saving mechanism for farmers (SB9)
13. Provided retailers of all sizes with a new, valuable marketing tool that provides the ability to offer discounts equal to the state and local sales tax (SB12)



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Republicans are taking the first steps toward fixing a truly broken system and creating 250,000 jobs. We came into office promising to help the economy and create jobs. We're balancing the budget, keeping our campaign promises, and sending the message loud and clear that Wisconsin is Open for Business

SENATE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Protecting and creating jobs is our number one priority. We believe jobs are saved and created by cutting costs and regulations on private-sector employers and giving them incentives to stay or expand in Wisconsin.

We believe tax cuts, targeted tax credits, and less government interference encourage economic growth and job creation. We support reforming our legal system to allow businesses to operate without spending millions of dollars on frivolous litigation.

We believe raising taxes and punishing business for success is the wrong way to turn our economy around. We do not view businesses as a bottomless source of government revenue. Tax increases and out-of-control state spending are making our state less competitive in a national and global marketplace.

Senate Republicans have one key question for EVERY piece of legislation they vote on or propose: "Will it help grow jobs?"

We are focused on a balanced budget that is fiscally sustainable and strategic. A balanced budget is not only constitutional, but it shows job creators and investors that we are serious about reforming our state's finances and creating an environment conducive to economic growth.

Wisconsin is facing some deep challenges, but we have an incredible opportunity to really reform the way our state does business. Republicans have made historic progress already this session on jobs, and we're going to keep working to reform this broken system – the future of our state depends on it.

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